

BY HAL COFFMAN.

## FITZSIMMONS IS CRUEL, SAYS WIFE

Former Fighting Champion Makes No Defence to Charges in Suit.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 25.—Various episodes of their marital life in which she figured as an abused person, were related by Mrs. Julia Fitzsimmons, wife of Robert Fitzsimmons, former world's champion heavyweight pugilist, in testifying Thursday in her divorce suit against the former king of the ring.

"He used to go away," said Mrs. Fitzsimmons, "and would be brought back intoxicated by some of his friends." The day before their final separation in July, 1916, the wife said her husband kicked her as she was passing a hall door.

"We had a quarrel," she explained, "about his drinking, and I had not been speaking to him because he refused to quit, so when I passed by the door he kicked me."

Threats to shoot her were related by the witness, who said that at various times her husband pulled her hair, or grabbed her throat, and some times threw bottles at her.

"I don't want any alimony," she told the court. "I always worked before we were married and have had to since. I can do it still."

Mrs. Fitzsimmons asked permission to resume her maiden name of Julia Gifford.

No defence was offered and a decree by default was entered. Before becoming Mrs. Fitzsimmons in 1902 the complainant was a professional singer.

**CLAIM "GAMBLING TRUST" MAKES \$1,000,000 YEARLY**

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 25.—A "gambling trust" which makes a profit of \$1,000,000 a year, and which pays \$15,000 protection money every week to members of the police department exists in Chicago, it was charged Thursday before the Marquette commission, Monte Towner, known for years as the gambling king of the city was declared to be the head of the ring by Edwin W. Alf, an investigator who testified regarding gambling conditions in the city.

He testified that policemen receive \$50 for each handbook operated, and that 300 of these are scattered throughout the city.

**DAILY RECORD**  
Deaths Filed.

North side of Hill, between Grama and Copia streets—Jacob Dierbach to W. A. Puffy, lots 14, 15 and 16, block 12, East 121st Park addition; consideration \$1200; Dec. 15, 1914.

North side of Madera, between Bayner and San Marcial streets—Jasper N. Ferguson and wife of Socorro county, N. M., to R. S. Nichols, lots 26, 27 and 28, block 43, East 111st Park addition; lots 29, 30, 31 and 32, block 44, Grand View addition; lots 33 and 34, block 45, Grand View addition; consideration \$2225; Dec. 9, 1914.

South side of Prospect avenue, between Chasapeake and Los Angeles streets—A. S. Nichols to J. N. and Bettie M. Ferguson, of Socorro county, N. M., lot 24 and western one-half of lot 25, block 24 Sunset Heights addition; consideration \$9000; Dec. 12, 1914.

South side of Roosevelt street, between Maximilian and Lawton streets—American Lumber and Investment Co. to Wyche Green, east 17 1/2 feet of lot 14 and west 22 1/2 feet of lot 15, block 31, Sunset Heights addition; consideration \$1500; Nov. 25, 1914.

South side of Wheeling street, between Dakota and Kentucky avenues—American Lumber and Investment Co. to H. L. Frazer, north 40 feet of lot 1, 2 and 3, block 53, Highland Park addition; consideration \$2000; Sept. 7, 1914.

South side of Copper street, between Indiana and Dakota avenues—K. K. Ellis to Graham Bailey, lots 21 and 22, block 41, and lots 23 and 24, block 42, Highland Park, 31 and other considerations; Nov. 23, 1914.

Hart survey No. 3, North Oregon street—Daniel Edward Brick and wife, of Socorro county, N. M., to P. F. Brick, lots 13, 14 and north one-half of lot 15, block 45, in Hart survey No. 3, having its frontage on North Oregon street; consideration \$10; March 12, 1914.

Between California and Nevada streets and Oregon and Mesa avenues—P. E. Kern to Y. E. Ware, fractional block No. 10, Alexander addition; consideration \$1500; Dec. 13, 1914.

Lots in Sierra Blanca township—W. P. Morris of Socorro county, to Benito Mann, lots 10 and 11, block 27, Sierra Blanca; consideration \$20; Aug. 19, 1914.

El Paso county lands—J. Kelly, of Tom Green county, to W. B. and C. G. Taylor, of Robertson county, Tenn., the northeast one-fourth of the southeast one-fourth of survey 14, block 21, township 4, range 10, section 36, consideration \$100; July 14, 1913.

North side of San Diego street, between Kentucky and Alabama streets—A. R. Webb and wife to Arthur W. Clayton, lot 29 and western one-half of lot 23, block 14, Highland Park addition; consideration \$225; Sept. 12, 1914.

North side of San Antonio street, between Division and Florida avenues—W. L. Tooley to Morningstar Heights Co., lots 12, 13 and 14, block 115, in Grand West addition; consideration \$400; Sept. 14, 1914.

**Automobiles Licensed.**  
Ford. 2745—E. Chas. Fabian, five passenger Ford. 2825—A. J. Underwood, 1624 Montana street; five passenger Ford. 2937—George Lynn, 1004 Texas street; two passenger.

2935—Gusmar Martinez, 429 South Oregon street; five passenger Kri. 2943—Victor Hat and Clothing Co., Mesa and San Antonio streets, two passenger Scipio & South.

2948—J. P. Trudena, El Paso County club, two passenger Ford. 2963—Oakland Auto Sales Co., 487 Myrtle avenue G. M. C. truck. 2965—M. R. Wheeler, 407 Myrtle avenue, five passenger Oakland.

2965—Leo J. Frost, 407 Myrtle avenue, five passenger Franklin. 2964—Ray & Higgins, 805 North Kansas street, seven passenger Peerless. 2965—J. W. Dalton, St. Louis hotel, Stanton and Mills, seven passenger Watson.

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**Births—Male.**  
To Mrs. Arculano Torres, 17 Ninth street; Dec. 21.  
To Mrs. Jacob Goodman, 809 Mundy avenue; Dec. 15.  
To Mrs. Harry Kuhn, 413 West Overland street; Dec. 10.  
To Mrs. Buenaventura E. Norrell, 1117 Magoffin; Dec. 25.  
To Mrs. Thomas J. O'Brien, 616 San Diego street; Dec. 14.  
To Mrs. Francisco Benigno, 2219 Bascom street; Dec. 12.  
To Mrs. Tancris Lopez, 119 West Seventh street; Dec. 22.  
To Mrs. Alejandra M. Gonzalez, 206 Oregon street; Dec. 18.  
To Mrs. Antonio Diaz, 2815 Finley street; Dec. 18.  
To Mrs. Angel Morales, 791 South Oregon street; Dec. 26.

**Births—Female.**  
To Mrs. H. Gelado, 1205 E. Second street; Dec. 22.  
To Miss Seario Esteyra, 282 Bascom street; Dec. 12.  
To Mrs. Wm. A. Baird, 715 Federal street; Dec. 11.  
To Mrs. J. E. Nettlesmark, 311 South St. Vrain; Dec. 21.



## WILLARD IS MATCH FOR JOHNSON; SHOULD GIVE HIM HARD BATTLE

Neither Will Stay the Limit of 45 Rounds, is Belief; Johnson's Prowess Is Overrated, for Jeffries Was Mere Shell of Himself and Had Not Trained Seriously for Match at Reno.

**BY J. G. BRANN.**  
SINCE Jack Curley has come to town and prospects appear to be good of staging the fight for the heavyweight championship of the world in Juarez, fight followers in the city are figuring out the chances of Willard in the match. There can be no question that Willard is a much better man than "Gunboat" Smith or any other of the "white hope" flock. This is admitted by all except Jim Buckley and a few others. But can Jack hope to put the giant black away, to gain a decision over him or to even stay the limit?

The latter question is fairly easy to answer. Willard will not stay the limit. Neither will Johnson. The day is past when two men could batter one another for 45 rounds. Wearing a man down, hitting and other points of the game have been developed to too scientific a degree to permit of it.

Big Jess not only has a fair chance, but should win. No less an authority than Tommy Burns says he has not the slightest doubt of the ability of Willard to clean the big negro. Tommy lost the championship to Johnson, has seen him fight a dozen times and has seen Willard for the past two and a half years, so he should come pretty close to knowing Willard's record since he has been in the game shows that he would have given Johnson a mighty stiff argument when the latter was at his best. And he will have a far better chance now, for Johnson is a shiner of a man, who has been going a mighty fast pace for the past four years, according to authorities who knew him here and others who have seen much of him in France. No matter how ironclad a constitution a man may have he cannot give way to excess for a period of four years and be nearly the man he was at the beginning. At his best there is doubt that Johnson could have beaten Willard. But despite the fact that Willard hardly chases with some of the previous white champions, it is not at all likely that the black would have had a walkaway.

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unable to put Burns away, the decision going to Johnson when the bout was stopped by officers. He knocked out Ketchell, who was only a middleweight. Some have said that Ketchell was the greatest middleweight the game ever saw. On the contrary he was far from it. It is an insult to the really great middleweights we have had to mention Ketchell in the same breath with them. Johnson's game of fighting a defensive game was just suited to the wild slambang methods of Ketchell. Yet it took Johnson 12 rounds to defeat Ketchell, and Ketchell scored a clean knockout. Bob Fitzsimmons, the fighting Cornishman; the Nonpareil, Jack Dempsey, or George LeBlanche, the fighting Marine, would hardly have allowed Ketchell to last a single round with them. Johnson fought the Fuchla figureman, Jim Flynn, at Las Vegas two years ago. The bout was stopped by the sheriff when Flynn hit Johnson. Every expert who was present says that it was simply a case of over confidence, and that had he been allowed to continue, Flynn would, in all probability, have won as he was far stronger than Johnson at the time the fight was stopped. True, Johnson had a big lead on points from the earlier rounds, but experts present say that he was being rapidly under the aggressive tactics of Flynn and that he could not have lasted another 10 rounds. And Flynn has never been more than a fast, aggressive trial horse.

**Also Whipped Burns.**  
Johnson has also whipped Tommy Burns, from whom he won the world's championship; Jim Flynn, Stanley Ketchell and a number of second raters. Burns at his best was not more than an ordinary fighter. Yet Johnson was

**Has Had Advantage.**  
Every experienced man whom Johnson has met, with the single exception

of Jim Jeffries, has been a much smaller man than himself. He has had the advantage in height, weight and reach. The men whom he has knocked out have all been held off by his long reach and have been worn down by his weight. The black is far from a fast fighter. On the contrary he is rather slow, even for a heavyweight. He does shuffle around in a fairly lively way, but he is absolutely a flat footed fighter, and no man can attain any degree of speed without rising on his toes. Johnson has been boosted to the skies by various writers, promoters and fight followers solely on his fight with Jeffries. He has shown his caliber by refusing to fight Sam Langford, Sam chased him clear around the world, challenging him at every stop. He refused on the ground that the match would not be a money maker, yet various promoters offered enormous sums for the match. The truth of the matter is that Johnson is and has always been afraid of Langford.

**Will Meet His Equal.**  
Some people even go so far as to say that Johnson is the greatest heavyweight the game has ever produced. That is sheer nonsense. What chance would Johnson have had to win through the bunch that Jeffries did? There was Bob Fitzsimmons, Peter Maher, Tom Sharkey, Gus Ruhlin, that wonderful boxer, Jim Corbett, and a number of others. There is not one of them who would not have had a fairly easy time beating him. In Willard, Johnson will meet a man who is his

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equal in height, weight, reach and strength a man whom the negro cannot push around the ring at will as he has done with the little fellows.

**Look at Willard's Record.**  
Those who happen to think Willard is a dud would do well to look over his record. His first bout was fought a little more than three years ago at El Reno, Okla., where he knocked out Ed Burke in three rounds. Since that time he has fought no less than 25 fights and the only one which he lost was to "Gunboat" Smith. Smith gained the decision over the giant cowboy last year in San Francisco. The decision was very unpopular with the audience, and that Smith himself has a mighty strong hunch that Willard is the better man, is attested by the fact that he has consistently refused to meet Jess since then. Willard's record shows that he has gained a newspaper decision over Luther McCarthy who, until his death, was considered the most promising white fighter since Jeffries when the latter was in his prime. He also has a newspaper decision over Arthur Palkey, McCarthy's conqueror. He has knocked out such men as George Rodell, the Boer

scraper, Soldier Kerna, Bull Young, Dan Daly, Al Williams and many others.

The chamber of commerce which is sending every effort to bring the match to El Paso has agreed to donate three rooms in the chamber of commerce building for the use of the promoters if the fight is staged across the river.

**SHIPS BREAK REGULATIONS AT PANAMA AND ARE FINED**  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—British colliers in the canal zone recently have violated quarantine regulations, according to the canal record of Dec. 16, just received here, but no mention is made of alleged infraction of American neutrality.

From Dec. 5 to 16, six British colliers and two British merchant vessels arrived at Cristobal on the Atlantic and sailed on the Pacific side, without bills of health in violation of quarantine regulations. Fines of \$25 were imposed on the Rodden and the Kilmwood which brought coal from England and Wales.

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